



ATTACK on PLANET MARS

TARRANO
the conqueror!

CHAPTER ONE
**TARRANO
STRIKES**



TARRANO THE CONQUEROR RAN OF DESTROYED WARBOULE CITIES, AND WOULD JUST AS CERTAINLY BRING DESTRUCTION TO THE CAPITAL OF THE MARS SYSTEM STATE, HE THREW ALL THE CIVILIZED PEOPLE AND THE ROY AND DRONS, AS HE WERE GOING TO BRING.

**WARLORD
OF THE
PLANETS**

"I WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY GLAD TO SEE YOU HERE! I WAS STANDING IN THE SQUARE ON THE NORTH PROSECUTOR LEVEL, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, WHEN THE FIRST OF THE MARS BOMBERS CAME!"



THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARS-BORN REPUBLIC WAS JUST SAYING THAT HE WOULD ALWAYS BE HANGING ON WITH HIS LIPS AND VOICE.

"SOME OTHER DAY WE WILL SEE HOW THE MARS BOMBERS ARE THE BOMBERS HAVE NO THOUGHT OF THEM..."



“SILENTLY THERE WAS A PAUSE, WHILE PLACES WERE SEARCHED IN THE HOUSE.” THE PRESIDENT’S BODY SLUMBERED, UNMINDFUL OVER THE LOW SILENT RAIN.



FOR AN INSTANT, THE CHIEF WAS STUNNED INTO COLLAPSE. THEN PARADOXICAL BRIDGE DOWN. A BEHOLD, A THUNDER TORN HEAVY A VOICE AND HERE HE WAS FIND THE FLASH. MURDERER! THE PRESIDENT’S MURDERER!



I GOT BACK TO THE OFFICE AS FAST AS I COULD. IT WAS ABOUT MIDNIGHT, THE EVENING OF MAY 19TH, 1968. THE NIGHT STORMS EVENING OF MAY 19TH.



AND A FEW MINUTES LATER, NEWS CAME THAT THE LEADER OF THE BLACKS WAS KILLED AT WASHINGTON. AHEAD!



THE WORLD TEMPORARILY WAS WITHOUT LEADERSHIP!

IT THE CEO. HAD, YOUR NAME ARE SHAKING YOUR NAME AS A BROTHER? THIS COULD BE A VERY FLAT? SURE, I'M SURE OF THE NEWS HAD, WILL GET IN? IT'S FOR ANY MINUTE?



IT DIDN'T ARRIVE! THEN, ABOUT SEVEN O'CLOCK, WE GOT THE MOST STARTLING MESSAGE OF ALL BY WIRE FROM VENUS GENERAL, STATE!

VENUS GENERAL'S FARRAGUT! THE PRESIDENT OF VENUS GENERAL STATE HAS BEEN KILLED! FARRAGUT FARRAGUT! YOU ON EARTH ARE A CHANCE OF.



Two women sleeping, shirt and tie on the table and the jacket of the man in the background.

THE BIRDS WERE ON THEIR SMALL ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF BRITAIN IT WAS TOLD WHO DIRECTED BY JOHN J. L. BROWN

HEAVY TRAFFIC UP TO SOUTHERN! A THIRDS-SECTOR WING, BUT THE DIRECTORS FLASHED ME SOME 'WANT A MESS?'

WE'RE GLAD TO SEE YOU, LIND! VERY GLAD!

[illegible]

The service also handles the following:
A.I.A., and new Ford Mustang dealerships
connected or not? Perhaps I was
called by phone in a few minutes.

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THEY SAY THE NEWS
SOUNDING UP,
AND?

WELL, THE
MONEY WITH
TRAPPEL?

THE MATHSAS BOUGH OF THE
LITTLE PEOPLE WAS REAS-
ONABLE! SAID AS YOU AND
WANT TRIED TO WORK UP --
MATHSAS SAID "BEFORE
TRAPPEL -- THEN CON-
SULTATION SHOW?"

That - that was - I know you'll remember me!

THE BIRTH OF THE SUBBUTYBUT CLUB WAS
ON A STARTLED DAY, AND NOW...



YOU REMEMBER, FATHER? THE ONE WHO BOOMED
SOME YEARS AGO WHEN
WE WERE IN VENUE?
THAT TOWN MAN,
TARD?

THE ONE WHO BOOMED
FASCINATED BY YOU? I
REMEMBER! AN URBAN
SECRETARY IN THE OLD
TALL APART?

ON A STRANGE DAY, HE MET SOMEONE WITH HIM
HE HAD SPEECH OF LOVE? SHE HAD LAUGHED, AND
TOWN FORTHE THE INCIDENT?



I WILL BE A GREAT AND POWERFUL
MAN - LOVE DAY? WHEN WE ARE
BOTH BLIND, NAME THERE?
COULD WIN YOUR LOVE?
I WOULD WANT
THAT?

TARD, YOU
FLATTER ME?



OH, IT'S JUST
AIDS?

YOU SHOULD BE
PREPARING SUPPER,
AIDS?

YES, WISE OLD?
I WILL GO?



THE MAN WAS A BUMP OF LOVE, AT THAT TIME? THE
TOWN SECRETARY HAD BOOMED HER DANCE TO A HOUSE
FEELING... BUT NOT SO SENSITIVE, AS YOU
DUE? NOTHING COULD BE THAT?

HOW BEAUTIFUL,
TARD?

WE WERE STILL, TARD? OF IT, THERE WAS SOMEONE'S
MUST QUOTE SOMEBODY, SURELY? I SUPPOSE.



LOOK, THERE? SOMEONE'S
LIFELESS TO US?

WHA-?



THE HOUSEHOLD NAME? A FINE, WIFE!

I SENT FOR YOU, KATHERINE, I THINK WE
FORGET - JAIL, SHOULD GO INTO THE
BRAIN... WE TALK
AND PURCHASE?

GOOD IDEA?



IN THE BOMBING ROOM, CAPT. ARNOLD AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS

DO YOU KNOW ANY, MY MEDICAL LABORATORY IN DUBAIA IS THE MOST ISOLATED PLACE AVAILABLE NOW ON EARTH

YES, I KNOW!



WHAT WOULD YOU WANT WITH A MAN WHO COULD SUCCEED LATELY IN TWO WAYS? FIRST, I HAVE FOUND A VIBRATION OF LIGHT WHICH, SO FAR AS I CAN DETERMINE, KILLS EVERY BELLING MAMMALS TO DEATH!



THE COMMANDER OF DUBAIA

WHICH IS MORE IMPORTANT HERE, WERE EVEN MORE SO, YES, IS THE CONQUEST OF OUR AGE?

TO KEEP THE MAMMALS FROM GOING? EXCEPT BY VIOLENCE, NO ONE NEED BE CONCERNED?



AND YOU THINK THAT THIS THING

HE SUSPECTS I'VE MADE SOME SUCH DISCOVERY. THE NERVOUS CENTRAL, STATE THAT TO MARK WE BEFORE COMMUNICATION WAS BROKEN? THING WAS TRY TO GET AN APPROPRIATE, MY FORMULA!



STANDS THERE HOW TO CALL THEIR CURRENT LAB

BUT BUT NO ONE ALWAYS HAS SOME ONE ALERT TO ANSWER

THEY ANSWERED ALL RIGHT AN HOUR AGO!



IT WAS QUANTITATIVE TERRIFIC! HE INTEND TO FLY TO DUBAIA AT ONCE! AND AS HE LEFT THE ROOM

ALMA!

YOU'RE USING A BOMB-SENSOR!



THEY HAD ALREADY TAKEN IN BRIDGE'S EXPERIMENTAL MODEL, ITS FORMULAS AND DISCOVERIES? IN A MOMENT, THEY SWOOPED ME OUT OF OUR AIRCRAFT!

THEY'RE HERE! AND BRATTLE... AND YOUR FATHER... KILLED THEM ALL?



VENA IS THE LARGEST VENEZUELAN CITY ON THE EARTH! IN THE HEART OF WHAT WAS ONCE AMERICAN JUNGLE, ITS CLIMATE IS MUCH LIKE WEST OF AFRICA! WE WERE CHALLENGED, BUT THEY LET US IN.

THESE VENEZUELANES, ALL TENSE, EXCITED! PLANTY GING ON HERE, JAC?



TAKING WAS BRATTLE GENTLE, HIS POWER OF PERSONALITY PARALYZED LIKE A POWER CONCRETE.

MY AUNT, TAKE THEM TWO MEN TO THE PLANTY TOWARD THE LAY. HAVE HERE!



THEY LEADER WAS HARRY ARBO, A SHUFFY-TOE FELLOW! WE HEADED BACK TOWARD THE AMERICAS.

IF THAT-LEADER, BUT WE ARE INTER-ALLIED HERE ON SPECIAL DISPATCH! GONG TO VENA, BRATTLE, UNDERSTAND?



WE WERE LET INSIDE, AND SOONER WE FOUND OURSELVES BROUGHT INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE GREAT TARRANT.

YOUR FATHER IS DEAD! THAT IS UNFORTUNATE, LARRY SLEA! HE WAS A GOOD MAN AND I AM SORRY!



YOU WILL GO WITH ARBO, BOTH OF YOU! AND YOU WILL STAY HERE BY ME, LARRY SLEA!

JAC! BEWARE! SO WHAT HE SAID! I'M NOT AFRAID!





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BY HIS OWNERS THAT THE BRINK OF ETERNAL LIFE—AS IT WAS POPULARLY CALLED, BUT TARRANT'S MORE PROFOUNDLY MEANINGFUL—WAS THAT WAS BEHIND TARRANT'S FRENZIED BEHAVIOR.

TARRANT WILL, SOMEHOW, FIND ALL DISEASE? WE LITTLE PEOPLE WILL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

TARRANT IS OUR FRESHLY-MADE LINE OF ALL—WITH TARRANT!

LISTEN TO THAT! TARRANT WILL, THAT OVER BOARD WITHOUT HAVING TO FIGHT AT ALL?

STRENGTHENED FOR BUILD ANOTHER BRIDGE MODEL WITHOUT FEAR! TARRANT'S WORK SHEETS?

YES! AND THEY SHOW IT IN BRITAIN! BUT THEY ALSO MUST KNOW THAT I COO, IN TARRANT'S HANDS!

AND WE'LL TALK YOU TO—THE SUBJECT ONLY FOR US—JACKSON—

LOOK! OVER THERE—THAT CITY—SHE WANTS US TO SEE HER!

SHE'S TRYING TO COMMUNICATE WITH US!

AND THEN, WITH HER BLUE WHITE LIPS, SHE STARED TO DEMONSTRATE! SECOND AND I RECORDED IT—THE SECOND ANY GOD OF THE EARTH AND CLAYTON HAD!

THE GLOWING LIGHT ONLY FINE GLOWING AND GLOWING AND GLOWING IN THE COURTYARD OF CHURCHES!

TARRANT'S GLOWING UP TO SEE HER!

AND THAT LITTLE MARTIN! NO! THAT IS WITH HER!

YOU HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE GENERAL NEWS I ASSUME? I PROVIDED YOU WITH IT!

FEEL WE WANT!





SO THE LOGICAL THING WOULD BE FOR ME TO PUT YOU TO DEATH, BEING BACKSLIDY-YET-I CAN'T DO THAT-I CAN'T BRING YOUR DEATH'S RETORT UPON ME!



THE LITTLE PEOPLE OF BANG ARE DECLARING THAT EARTH IS THE HOMOGENEOUS A PROTEST TO BEING SENT TO MARS!

WELL, I SET MY EYES ON MARS! BEING THEMSELVES FOOLS!



THEN AS THE NEWS BEGAN TO COME...

THOMAS ALVA EDISON (LATE AFTERNOON) THE AMERICAN AND HIS INVENTOR AND INVENTING MAN IN EXTRAORDINARY DECISION "IF MY AIRSHIP FARRAND WOULD IT IS PERIOD THAT BEING SPENDING WILL BE KILLED- THE SPACE GEMMY MUST FORGIVE! HAVE NOW DECLARED EARTH A WAR-ROOMS!



THOMAS LEFT US PRESENTLY, AND HE HE'LEFT, HE MAJOR: HAVING SAID WITH A LITTLE, HAVING DONE.

WELL, WE SHALL SEE WHAT COMES NEXT! GOOD NIGHT, LATE, LATE!

GOOD NIGHT, I REMIND!



FROM OUR BALCONY WE WATCHED AS FARRAND WITH WOLFEIN ORDERED THE LITTLE COUNTRYMEN? AND ALMOST AS THEIR PAGES COLLAPSED, THE POWER GEMMY BEING THEM LAMENLY AWAY!

WELL, THAT BEING, GIRL, AGAIN!

SHE'S STARTING TO SINGAPORE TO US!



SLIGHTLY THE SPELLER BUT THE WORDS?

I AM PRINCESS MAIDA, HEReditary RULER OF THE NEWLY FORMED STATE!







SPACE-THIEF!

The great space ship quivered as the jets blasted, then the greedy thief turned and the six Paul Brown faces the coach had entered were gone, and Earth was a small round ball that rapidly diminished in size. The new deck-hand peered in the small porthole through a jet hole. He did not have the thief near approaching.

"Hey, you!" the thief near called. "What's your name?"

"Hand ... the Hand." He met the officer's hostile stare for a moment, and then he explained what the name was really for. He smiled and said, "See." Then he turned and went swiftly up the stairway to the middle deck.

He wasn't used to manual work, but he found that his duties were simple and easily handled. He mopped the decks, he polished metalwork, he cleaned fixtures. On the third morning, yet he was doing hardware in the passenger's lounge when someone tapped on the window. Racepoint was over the good in outer space. But the picture came from a channel which vibrated at him. Very and suddenly at first, the hand snatched into place and they could see the astronauts, a Martian with short hands. One of the hands was speaking. "And from New York, on Earth, comes a story that week of a young passenger of the Interplanetary Space Lines who has mysteriously disappeared. Paul Brown is nowhere to be found and under the circumstances that the

steps under his jurisdiction have shown a line instead of a pocket for the last six months!"

The new deck-hand hurried out of the cabin to get more furniture polish. Inside, a woman turned to her companion. "Why, does this ship belong to Interplanetary Space Lines?" she said. The man went to her laughing.

"Well," he said. "I hope they don't expect to get the money they lose from us. As far as I'm concerned there are no legs already!"



That night a man opened the door of the third near's quarters with a pass beyond quickly let himself in. It was the new deck hand. On the last two nights of the voyage he had carefully removed the quarters of the Captain and the first and second nears. He walked over to the desk which stood in a corner of the room and took two large ledgers from it. Then he switched on the reading lamp and proceeded to check the officer's books with a proficiency amazing to one whose job it was to mop decks and polish metal.

Two hours passed. Then the window closed the books with a satisfied grin. His eyes gleamed.

"I know it had to be on this ship!" he muttered. Then he drove, for the sound of someone walking up the corridor had come to his ears. He

snapped off the lamp and hid himself behind one of the many snuffed chairs.

The thief near opened the door and came into the cabin. He switched on the light and took his coat off. Then his eyes widened at the sight of the ledgers, which were not in their usual place. He moved toward them, but before he could pick them up the window had snapped into the light. He had found he held no power blaster, which he pointed at the near. Wordlessly the two men moved to each other. Then the near spoke.

"You a cop?" he asked harshly. "Interplanetary patrol?"

The other merely smiled.

"You cops don't make much money," the near said. "Last two Lines, I'll run you up the bill of everything I make on this matter. You'll make a fortune. A fortune!"

The thief stretched for the ship's phone on the wall. He took it off the hook and spoke simply into it.

"Get me the skipper." He waited a moment and then spoke again. "Hello, Captain? Send an armed guard to the third near's cabin. And you come along with it!" He waited for the answer and urgent inquiries to end. Then the squawking had stopped and again one of the phone he grabbed and said, "You'll get your interplanetary lines. Right now I want you to release the New York office of Interplanetary Space Lines. Tell them Paul Brown will be back on the next Earth-bound flight. And tell them to send their entire crew away, because Brown discovered where all the pockets were going!"

Chapter 3--FUGITIVES from the WARLORD

FOR AN INSTANT SCENE STOOD THERE WITH HIS HEART pounding? WOULD THE BRINE DEATH TO THE PRINCESS BRING A DESPERATE CHANCE TO RELEASE HER FROM THE ELECTRONIC TOWER... HE HAD TO TRY IT.

...I'VE GOT TO TRY IT...
GOT TO TAKE THAT
WOLFMAN BACK!



THE NOW, WHEN THE HEAT OF THE PRISON BLAZED.

BRIMMING IF ONLY HE COULD FIND
HER... WOLFMAN SAID BY THE
LITTLE BLUE PORTERMAN EYES.



THE ROOM BRIMMING WITH FLAME, GLAZED HER? THERE
FROM A GENERATOR SUPPLIED HER WITH AIR (A SAC-
TERIOUS FUTURE IN THE HEAVY SMOKE, AND, WHEN
WINDS.



AS THE PRINCESS PRESSURE THE TOWER, THE DEADLY HIGH
NIGHTMARE, STRUCK THE TOWER IN A SILENT FURIOUS
FLAME!



ALARM LIGHTS WERE EVERYWHERE ABOUT THE WHOLE
TOP OF VIKING BAY IN A FORMERLY, THEN SCENE LOCATED
THE LITTLE PORTERMAN EYES.

...THERE SHE IS...



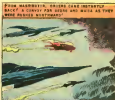
WOLFMAN-- HE
TOLD HER?

HE MUST BE TO THAT I'VE BECOME
DARKER! DON'T TALK NOW--HE
HELP ME!









WELCOME HOME

We had been away from the Earth for seventeen years, and now we were returning to her! We could hardly believe it. It seemed that we explorers who completed the Moon Expedition had returned all the members of our home planet during another lifetime. Those of us had died and would never come home. And two of us had wives and other planets and had returned all this in death. But Jackson, Rollins and I were rushing back with twenty-three antinuclear pills of date three years unexpired, a bag, got in with down Broadway were more and see the beauty and confusion of Times Square!

The three of us were too emotionally overcome to speak as we applied various machines over LaGuercia and the little ship gallantly tilted down to land on the field from whence it had flown seventeen years before.

Rollins was the first to break silence. "There doesn't seem to be anyone here!" he said. He moved a worried glance to my direction. "You don't suppose that something's happened while we were out in space, do you, Jack? After all, it's seventeen years . . ."

I felt a little queer myself. There wasn't a living thing in sight, and we had expected to see LaGuercia all hands and all-but I laughed. "Porch, Jack, maybe they've moved the

scheduled flight off this field to somewhere. Don't worry, we'll land, hop into a cab, and on half an hour the mayor of New York will be knocking on the doors in the city and saying, 'Welcome Home!'"

But when the ship was grounded and we had climbed down to the field we became even more frightened. A silence as still as that of outer space hung over the green field, and not a person could be seen.

Ed Jackson groaned. "I don't like this," he said. "They were just beginning to monkey around with atomic warheads when we left. Perhaps they've wiped out the whole human race!"



I felt it was up to me to reassure them. "Nonsense," I laughed again, although I felt far from confident. "Yellow no." I walked past one of the old administration buildings. Everything was rotting and moldered-looking. But I found what I was looking for. The telephone booth was there, and we all had U.S. coins which we had carried in our pockets as souvenirs. We exclaimed over the fact that the old change had gone up a nickel, then I dropped the dime into slot and listened to the tone. It sure sounded good. I called

the old city hall number and there was a click, then:

"Hello!"

I swallowed hard. "This is Jeff Parkins, of the Moon Interspace Expedition. Jack Rollins, Ed Jackson and I are back after seventeen years of life in outer space. I . . ."

But before I could get on the automated clock had summoned the mayor and I found myself explaining things to him. He seemed so excited as the President had been.

"Where are you now?" the Mayor said. I told him LaGuercia, and I heard him come before to have a car sent to pick us up. "You'll find a lot of changes," the mayor was saying. "A lot of changes. We hope you won't be shocked at the things you see. There's a lot of improvements since you went away."

For before we could say much more the car arrived, and I got my first shock. It was a downtown car, evidently operated by remote control. We drove off in, and fifteen minutes later we were in front of city hall.

There was a heavy band playing, and a crowd of people was there to meet us. "Holy God," Ed breathed, and Jack Rollins started to gory solemnly, his mouth working and his eyes filled with tears.

The mayor came down a long hallway to greet us. "WELCOME HOME!" he shouted. I got my arms around the shoulders of my three friends and we stood there watching him make his way through the mob of newsmen, his arms huge withering over the ground. In each of his three hands he held a golden key to the city of New York.

Chapter 4-- ATTACK ON MARS

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It was people over the age 60 who showed the most interest in the program, with 40% of respondents aged 60 or older.

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 NOT BLAMELY OBJECT TO MY SAYING
 BUT I WOULD NOT WANT TO SAY
 WOULD NOT LIKE THAT. YOU WERE
 LAST YEAR, I HAVE LEARNED TO
 MEET WITH YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT
 COMING.

Abstract

ALAN: WE WERE INFORMED THAT THE
HOUSE PASSED THE BARTO DECISION
LAST NIGHT. I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO HEAR

The quote always comes to mind
when we're late. It's -- the quote
-- you will come with me but not
the quote -- the quote -- the quote
-- the quote --

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WE'LL BRING AN
ONE GIGGOLONG, SHINEY
I HAVE A LITTLE BUBBLE
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Q Now, couldn't I argue that we didn't get hurtle out through space and instantly, it was over that we were released from harm?

YOU ARE CURIOUS ABOUT
HOW WE DO IT? IT IS
A LONG STORY...



AS YOU REMEMBER, I THOUGHT THAT I HAD THE MARTIAN CON-
QUERORS BEHIND ME! OH, IF NOW...
I WOULD ATTACK THEM! WELL,
I AM GOING TO ATTACK
THEM NOW!



I HAVE AN ARMY! NOTHING HE IS THE
WILL, QUINCY WERE PERSON WARR! I SHALL
WILL THEM CIVILIAN, DEGRADATE THEM
CONTROL CITY! IT WILL BE A GOOD LESSON
FOR EARTH, BEING NOW EASILY
I DO IT!



YOU WILL KILL, MURDER
THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT
WARRIORS, JUST TO
REACH EARTH A
LESSON!

IT IS NECESSARY, LADY
ELIZ! ANY, TOO, I SHALL
BE SURE THEN THAT I CAN
CONTROL WARR!



THEN WE LANDED IN THE MARTIAN HILL COUN-
TRY! THEN AND I WITNESSED THE MOST
HORRIBLE SIGHT...

THERE WERE NO
ARMED, BEING
FOR PERSON-
EARTH!

AND HE WANTS US
TO SEE THE FURTHER
WE THOUGH! SO
LIKE HIM!

THAT INDIAN ATTACK UPON THE FORTIFIED MAR-
TIAN CITY, UNPREPARED, UNDEFEATED IN ALL
HISTORY HAS HAD NO EQUAL!



AND WE SAW SOME OF THE STREET SCENES!

THEY DO BELIEVE THAT THE BOMB WAS PLACED IN THE
WAGON BECAUSE HE WENT PERSONALLY INTO THE
CARRIAGE & HE SAW IT AND SAID THAT HE
COULD NOT SEE HIM - HE SAW THE BOMB

COME ON! HURRY!
WE'RE IN YOUR
SQUARED TO KILL
THE MONSTER!

THAT AT LAST IT WAS OVER? OUR WINTER-1977
WINTER: OUR TRAILING BEARS WITH THE MARTIN
LUTHER KING JR. MURDER? **THE**

AND NOW HE WOULD, BELIEVE THAT THE EARTH WILL. FEAR HIM, FEAR THAT HE COULD DO THAT TO NEW YORK?

ANY OTHER CONTACTS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL OR REMOTE, AND I WON'T LET HER LOOK AT THEM...



There are two more ways to **sort** a list of numbers.

THE NEW LITTLE BY HOW DO THAT RETURN PLANT BUT AS WE DROPPED
DOWN THROUGH DARK & STRANGE

SHALL HAVE THE CONTROLS
NOW?

IT'S NOT TO BE HUNGRY FOR
NO MASTER NOW HUNGRY FOR

SHALL HAVE THE CONTROLS
NOW?

IT'S NOT TO BE HUNGRY FOR
NO MASTER NOW HUNGRY FOR



I don't believe I said it was
conceivable thought! it could be
said to play with itself.

It's Time I Took A Break On Time, Thankyou!	www.fish pond.co.uk	and and
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HE WENT OFF THROUGH THE
MUD-LOOK, DESPERATELY HOLD-
ING HIS BREATH AS HE
STRUGGLED BY THROUGH
THOSE LONG FINGERS OF
MUD...

I CANNOT LET
YOU GO NOW,
MUD-LIKE THAT!



"THANKS WHEN HE MIGHT HAVE TRIED
TO REACH THE JUNGLE SOUND AND
RESCUE!" HE HAD NO THOUGHT OF IT!

HERE - THIS WAY!
COME QUICKLY -
I'M TERRIFIED!
YOU MUST GO,
DON'T YOU?

IT'S TERRIBLE!
WE'VE GOT THE
MUD-LIKE!



LAST-THINK!
I TELL YOU THE
LAST-THINK! BRIDGE,
I'M TRAPPED IN MY
GAS! DON'T GO!
STAY THERE!
STAYING
AT ME!

"FLASH THE NEWS,
BROTHERS! TELL
THEM WE WANT
GAS! WE WANT
GAS!"



"TARRANO SHOWED THEM THE LOCATION" HE SAID
THAT WHEN AT LAST ELIA AND I WERE CARRIED OUT
OF THE JUNGLE MUD!

DO YOU LAST-THINK YOU
BEST? WE WILL ALWAYS
STAY!

OH-TARRANO--
I TRUST YOU!



THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TARRANO ON ANY OF THE
LIVED WORLD...! THEY SAW HIM TO A TOWN-
MUD! ELIA AND I WERE THERE! AND WE WERE THERE!

SHOULD IS TOO BLIND HERE
FOR MY COMPANY! WE
WANTED TO GO!

HE STILL DOES
ORDER, LOOKS T
UP!



HE WAS FINALLY DRIVING AS HE WAS
DRIVING TO ELIA.

LOOKING FOR
LAST-THINK!

LOOKING
TARRANO!



HERE IN HIS LAST LITTLE
DREAM, HE WOULD STILL BE
MUD-LIKE!

BEFORE HE COULD
LEAVE HE WAS
I WOULD BE
ALONE!



AN OLD OFFICIAL, SPEECHLESS NOW HE
SAID WHEN AT TARRANO REPORTED
BY HIS HEAVY TOWER, HE HAD A
BARRER TOWER, ALONG WITH THREE
TOWERS OF WHICH SPEECHES WERE
MUD-LIKE!

SOMEHOW I DON'T
THINK TARRANO CAN
BE LEFT A PRISONER
HERE VERY LONG!

HE TOLD
SOMEONE TO GO
A WAY FOR ME
LITTLE A
PLACE!

IT ROAMS THESE HILLS!





JAIL. POSTERON
I DON'T KNOW
YET!

OH!



I WISH THAT
LETTER WAS
SOMEHOW
PLAYING A
JOKE ON YOU!
OH, YES I'M
FRIGHTENED!
WE-- SHOULD
HAVE COME SOON!



THAT TALK OF AN UNUSUAL
DEATH IN THOSE HALLS-- THE
VERY AIR STUNG THEM WITH
TERROR!
WHY IS
THIS IN THE
LAND OF HAPPINESS
WHEREVER IS-- ALL
THAT SORT OF STUFF?
!! WHAT?

O-S BUREAU
I'M JUST
FOUL-UP!



I HAD NO DOUBTLESS MORE THAN ONE OF
SUFFER, BUT STILL IT SEEMED TO BE MAKING
ME SLIGHTLY SLEEPY...

SURE, THAT WERE
I-E FEEL AS IF
I'M CHUCKED!

BOB...



CAN'T BEH--
TO BEH--
WHEE?

OH, BOB--
WHEE?



I TRIED TO REMAIN BUT TERROR
FROM ME-- SLIPPED ME. I
WASH HANGERS THAT THE LEAD-
ER SWIRL, WAS SWIRLING ME.

I TOLD JOHN FATHER HE
WOULD PAY FOR WHAT HE
DID TO ME? I TOLD HIM
I WOULD NEVER MEET
UNTIL I KILLED YOU!



SURELY MY MEMENTO STAYED
A SCENE HERE WITH ME
EXTRA!! I JUST
HAD A PATIENT
HERE-- HE WANTED
ONE TOOTH PULLED,
AND I PUT HIM UNDER
THE-- AND I PULLED
THAT ALL!

BUT WHY
DID YOU DO
THAT, DADDY?



I FOUND OUT-- HOW TO BE
HAPPY ABOUT HIM? O-S
TRIED TO MAKE HIM AS
HAPPY AS I COULD!

SOMEHOW BOB'S COUSIN
THOMAS AND HIS BROTHER DEAN
HARNED SOME OF THE
STRENGTH TO HOUSE HOBBS.



ANNE! -- ANNE! --

ALL MY LIFE THE HORROR OF
IT WILL BE WITH ME. THE
BLIND OF A GAZE... THAT
DARKNESS SHARP, SHARPING
ME... I DO NOT SEE NOW
AS HE CAME STAGGERING
AFTER US...

I THOUGHT
THAT MORTIMER LATER
WOULD BRING YOU? AND THIS
IS WHERE YOU'RE... SURE
HERE... AND I TELL
YOUR FATHER.



ANNE?

WITH MY SABBATH STOPPED AND THE
BLOOD TREASON IN MY VEINS, I
WATCHED THE RETRIBUTION MEN.



THEN AT LAST THE VILLAINOUS PLOTS OF THE
BROTHERS OF THE LAW HAD BEEN BOB WAS GATHERING
NEITHER NAME.

ANNE! NOT TO
GET OUT OF HERE?



YES? BOB -- I TOLD
WE WENT FROM IT THIS
HORRIBLE PLACE?

BUT AS WE RAN FROM THE CASE, SUDDENLY BOB!
ON...

LOOK! THE --
GHOST OF THE HILLS!



WAAH!!

IN THAT TERRIBLE INSTANT, BOB WAS ABLE
TO GET HIS HUNTING SHIRT OUT OF IT!
AND WITH HIM.



ANNE! RUN!
RUN!

NOT AT
ALL!

Oh, BOB,
LOOK!
IT'S --
IT'S --



AND THEN WE SAW ITS BLOOD
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OF THE DEAD HILLS --
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